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SUB: ITALIAN EXPORT EMBARGO ON DURUM PRODUCTS

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 4505; B) ROME 8839

1. UPON THE REQUEST OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, THE EC COMMISSION
ON AUGUST 29 AUTHORIZED ITALY TO EMBARGO EXPORTS TO THIRD
COUNTRIES OF PROCESSED PRODUCTS MADE FROM DURUM. THE EMBARGO MEANS
THAT

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 30, ITALY WILL NO LONGER ISSUE EXPORT

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CERTIFICATES

FOR GROATS AND SEMOLINA AS WELL AS FLOUR MADE FROM DURUM
(CXT POSITIONS NO. 1102 A I A AND EX 11.01 A).

2 ITALIAN EXPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS TO OTHER MEMBER STATES ARE
NOT EMBARGOED. HOWEVER, EXPORT CERTIFICATES FOR THES PRODUCTS
ISSUED IN OTHER MEMBER STATES (WHICH COULD BE USED BY ITALIAN
EXPORTERS UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR EXPORTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES)
WILL NOT BE VALID IN ITALY.

3. THE COMMISSION ACTION HAS FEW PRECEDENTS. IT WOULD APPEAR
CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF THE COMMON MARKET AND IT DOES NOT--
AT LEAST FORMALLY--PREVENT THE EXPORTATION OF ITALIAN DURUM
PRODUCTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES SINCE ITALIAN EXPORTERS ARE STILL
ENTITLED TO SHIP THEIR PRODUCTS TO ANOTHER MEMBER STATE(WITHOUT
ANY EXPORT LICENCE) AND FROM THERE TO A THIRD COUNTRY.
HOWEVER, SUCH TRANSACTIONS ARE UNLIKELY GIVEN THE EXTREMELY
HIGH PRICE LEVELS FOR THESE PRODUCTS IN ITALY.

4. COMMISSION OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT THE RECENT MEASURE IS
MERELY PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL.IT IS INTENDED TO HELP
THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO CALM DOWN PUBLIC OPINION WHICH IS
CONCERNED ABOUT THE HIGH PRICE AND THE SHORTAGE OF PASTA GOODS.
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